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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RDB REQUEST FOR INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE OF SOVIET
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES

The following proposal is submitted by CIA for the consideration of the IAC.

"1. The Chairman, Research and Development Board, has requested CIA to furnish a coordinated intelligence estimate of Soviet scientific and technological capabilities. This estimate is required by the RDB by 1 October 1952 and annually thereafter on that date.

"2. The IAC has authorized NIE-65, an estimate which will cover a majority of the intelligence which the RDB requires. However, the contemplated schedule for this estimate will preclude the use of the contributions which pertain to Soviet capability in the subject field in time to meet the RDB request.

"3. Since both the scientific and technological capabilities to be considered in NIE-65 and the estimate requested by RDB involve substantially the same intelligence it is desirable to avoid duplication. If two separate projects are undertaken, duplication of research and estimation will result.

"4. It is, therefore, proposed that,

- a. The IAC authorize the project to provide the RDB with a coordinated estimate as requested.
- b. The applicable portions of the Terms of Reference for NIE-65 be utilized to guide preparation of this estimate; contributions to be submitted by 1 August 1952.
- c. O/SI-CIA be designated as the agency charged with preparation of a draft estimate utilizing the contributions.
- d. Each IAC member designate a representative to serve on an ad hoc committee to review the estimate and submit it to the IAC for approval by 23 September 1952.
- e. We utilize the estimate thus approved in preparation of NIE-65."

Secretary

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